



Natural Resources Commission Meeting  
Monday, September 20, 2021 6:00 pm  
**MINUTES – Meeting via Zoom**

*Meeting Called to Order 6:04*

*Present were:*

Commission Members: Kurt Balasek, Kate Laddish, Eric Larsen and Carol Scianna  
Liaison members: Bill Biasi (City Council), Alli Permann (PCC-Putah Creek Council), Chris Rose (RCD- Resource Conservation District) and Kristine DeGuerre (City)

Others: Rich Marovich SCWA (Solano County Water Agency), Kathleen Trepka (City Manager) and Valerie Whitworth

Absent: Eric Jepsen and Dennis Kilkenny

*Motion to approve Agenda by Carol seconded Eric L.- Approved.*

*Motion to approve August Minutes as amended by Carol. seconded Kate - Approved*

Public Comments

None

Discussion Items

1. Restoration Project Updates- Rich Marovich  
Ongoing irrigation and caging of plants as needed in Phase 3. There are plans to remove boards at Sacramento River in late October early November to allow salmon access to Putah Creek.
2. Putah Creek Council Update- Alli Permann  
Kenny is helping with transition for a new director coming on board later this year. Karyn is the new volunteer coordinator. PCC is hoping to schedule one volunteer event per month in the Nature Park such as weed management or planting, they are looking for other ideas for volunteers opportunities. PCC participated in the Coastal Cleanup on September 18. They had 3 locations for volunteers; the Nature Park and along Putah Creek Rd adjacent to park and Davis Preserve. There were 58 volunteers and 53 bags of trash plus several tires, and some larger items removed. Stewardship events will be scheduled soon.
3. Solano RCD Update- Chris Rose  
Arrundo control is ongoing, there have been some issues with the arrundo being completely dried up, which is making treating less effective. Lake Solano was recently awarded an 18-month planning grant for access and trail improvements, additions of demonstration area and Native Culture focus. They are optimistic that implementation funds can be secured. Several grants were also received for creating Fire Safe Councils both neighborhood and regional. RCD will have a plant sale on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. Salmon Festival- Carol Scianna  
Festival organizing committee has decided to postpone this year's Salmon Festival until 2022, due to ongoing Covid 19 concerns, lack of time to adequately plan and staffing limitations.



5.. Work Plan Development- & Goal Setting-All

City Manager shared an overview on Work Plan idea, which would entail NRC developing ideas on what their desired focus would be for the coming year's meetings. We would bring our plan to the Council to discuss and collaborate ensuring that the NRC is moving in the direction that Council supports. A mission statement would be a good starting point.

The NRC could also create an environmental newsletter to share with the community. It was discussed that the recent proposal to Council would be a good starting point for Work Plan development. Adding a list of possible presentations, educational videos and the like. Also, shaping a vision for the City for the next 5-10 years. Some ideas for presentations and topics that were shared by the group were:

Yolo Sustainable Groundwater                      Wastewater Alternative Uses  
Stormwater Uses– (Permeable surfaces)      Climate Commission joint meeting  
Trees -Planting and Maintenance (review Master Tree list)  
Bats and their benefits

6. Ideas for Inviting Guest Speakers- All

It was decided that commissioners should submit ideas to Eric L. prior to October meeting for future guest speakers and topics. Presentations would be 15-25 minutes with a few slides.

7. Assembly Bill 361-Kate Laddish

This Bill allows state and local governments to continue to meet virtually but would need to be renewed monthly. City Manager Trepka stated that the City will take care of renewing the required noticing for future virtual NRC as needed.

**Action Items**

None

Chair adjourned meeting at 7:07 pm.

**Next Meeting is October 18th**

**Future Meeting Topics will be added as a standing item to Agendas**

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Kurt Balasek, Chairman

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Carol Scianna, Member